Development of telecom services in Tamil Nadu

1721. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the development work planned to be executed in the field of telecommunications and posts in Tamil Nadu during the Tenth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) by when these works are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD):

Reply pertaining to department of Telecommunications

(a) and (b) The telecom development work in the Telecom Circles are planned on yearly basis and efforts are made to execute the same to achieve the targets. The details of targets and achievements during the Five Year Plan with effect from 2002-03 to 2004-05 are given in Statement-I (*See* below).

Reply pertaining to Department of Posts

(a) and (b) Under the 10th Five Year Plan, the focus is on upgrading the physical network through computerisation, induction of technology and modernisation of post offices and postal operations throughout the country, including Tamil Nadu. Expansion of the postal network, training of employees etc. are also being taken up to improve access to postal facilities and provide more efficient service. By the end of the 10th Plan, all Head Post Offices and almost all Departmental Post Offices in the country having more than 2 hands are targeted to be computerised and value added services like e-post provided through them, Computerisation of Registration Centres of mail offices, booking and delivery of Speed Post, Circle Stamp Depots, Foreign Post Offices, etc. is also targeted for the same period. Similarly, Post Offices, important mail offices and Speed Post centres are being modernised in a phased manner each year and computerised customer care centres and workplace training centres have been set up in different circles including Tamil Nadu.

Circle-wise targets for each plan activity are decided annually based on plan resources allocated to the Department and parameters/criteria approved for each scheme. Details of achievements under some important plan schemes till date in Tamil Nadu Circle are given in Statement-II

Statement-I

Details of targets and achievements during the Five Year Plan with effect from 2002-03 to 2004-05 in Tamil Nadu

Name of the Parameters (Tentative)	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		Target 2005-06
	Target	Achieve-ment	Target	Achieve-ment	Target	Achieve-ment (upto 31 01.05)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Direct Exchange Lines (DELs)	322000	269127	305000	217247	548600	473157	390000
Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) in RKMs	2000	2108	400	563	1900	979	1600
Microwave in RKMs	150	492	110	199	0	42	0
Trunk Automatic Exchange (TAX)(KC)	58 5	59	53 5	35.5	20.5	23.5	45

Statement-II

Some important achievements under Plan till date in 10th Five Year Plan Period in Tamil Nadu Circle

Sl. No.	Item	Physical achievements from 1.4 2002 to 11.3.2005
1	Expansion of postal network	SOs: 2 BOs: 11 PSSKs: 115

Sl No	Item	Physical achievements from 1 4 2002 to 11 3.2005
2	Supply of infrastructural equipment to BOs	420
3	Computerisation of Speed Post booking and delivery offices	63
4	Modernisation of Post Offices and Mail Offices	25
5	Computerisation of Circle Stamp Depots	2
6	Computerisation	
	Post Offices	225
	RMS Offices	1
	Administrative Offices	7
7	Computerisation of customer care centres	124
8	Training	
	Setting up of WCTCs	3
	No of official trained under different programmes	20078
9	Construction of Post Office and Administrative Office buildings	7

SOs—Sub Post Office
BOs—Branch Post Offices
PSSKs—Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras
WCTCs—Workplace Computer Training Centre

Reversion of packers to peons

1722. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the posts of the packers in the various administrative and subordinate offices in the postal department have been downgraded to those of peons (D category) with reduced scale of pay;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and